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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ASAMI, et al.

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FOR: CATALYST WARMING CONTROL APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 1, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002, extended to August 25, 2002 by a 1 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ²1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof.

Please add the claims as follows:

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5. (New) A catalyst warming control apparatus for a hybrid vehicle having an internal combustion engine, a generator for generating electric power from the output from the internal combustion engine, a power storage unit for storing electric power generated by the generator, and an electric motor driven by the electric power stored in the power storage unit, the hybrid vehicle being driven by at least one of the outputs from the internal combustion engine and the motor, the catalyst warming control apparatus comprising:

a clutch for performing the connection or disconnection of the transmission of the the power